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IN PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SNOWBOARD BINDING SYSTEM HAVING AUTOMATIC TOE STRAP, the specification of which was filed on November 14, 2003, as United States Patent Application No. 10/714,510.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

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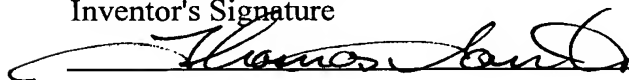
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